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**Paper for the House Committee
of the Legislative Council
on 17 December 1999**

**Request by the Panel on Home Affairs
for Economist's report on 2006 Asian Games**

Purpose

This paper reports the concern of the Panel on Home Affairs about the Government Economist's evaluation of Hong Kong hosting the 2006 Asian Games.

The Panel's concern

2.   Following Government's announcement of its support for the bid to host the 2006 Asian Games, the Panel on Home Affairs requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the procedural arrangements and financial implications. The Panel specifically requested for Government Economist's evaluation on the feasibility for Hong Kong to host the 2006 Asian Games.

3.   The Administration subsequently provided two information papers but without the Economist's evaluation for the Panel's special meeting held on 7 December 1999. During the meeting, Panel members expressed concern about the possible financial commitment for Hong Kong to host the 2006 Asian Games and reiterated their request for the Economist' report. As the Secretary for Home Affairs did not agree to disclose the report, the Panel moved a motion at the meeting on 7 December 1999 demanding the Administration to provide the Economist's report immediately to the Panel. The motion was passed with four votes in favour and one abstention. However, as at the Panel meeting on 13 December 1999, the Administration still did not provide the Economist's report.

4.   The Panel therefore decided at the meeting on 13 December 1999 that the Chairman of the House Committee be asked to relay the Panel's concern to the Chief Secretary for Administration and to request the Administration to provide the Economist's report for further discussion by the Panel at its next meeting on 10 January 2000.

Advice sought

5.   Members are invited to support the recommendation of the Panel on Home Affairs in paragraph 4 above.

Legislative Council Secretariat
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